

merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." It is submitted that all of the claims of the present application could be examined without serious burden in view of their close relationship. In searching a composition comprising a polyorganosiloxane and an admixed sterically hindered amine light stabilizer of Group I, the Examiner will automatically find methods for stabilizing a polyorganosiloxane with a hindered amine light stabilizer as claimed in Group II, a light bulb comprising a coating comprising a polyorganosiloxane and hindered amine light stabilizer as claimed in Group III, and a method of making a light bulb with a coating comprising a polyorganosiloxane and a hindered amine light stabilizer coating as claimed in Group IV. In order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to the applicant and duplicate examination by the Patent Office, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn. Therefore, the withdrawal of the restriction requirement as between the claims of Group I, II, III, and IV is earnestly solicited.

Claims 1-65 remain active in the application. No new matter has been added. In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration is requested.

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